

# The Caledonian.

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## Publisher's Notices.

If subscribers know how much work it would take to renew their subscriptions a week or two before they expire, instead of a week or two afterwards, would be more thoughtful.

There are a good many small bills due this office which we urgently ask may be settled at once. Most of the bills are so small that we cannot afford to go after them, but the aggregate amount of what we rely on to pay our bills. If this notice hits you, you are the one it is intended to hit.

A good friend gently criticizes the logic in a recent editorial utterance in The Caledonian. If, besides giving all the local news every week, we are expected to be logical, the subscription price of this paper must be advanced. Certainly no reasonable person can expect us to be logical at \$1.50 a year. That's an absurdity.

## Beer and Cider on the Fair Ground.

By voting at its annual meeting Tuesday not to ask the Fair ground company to exclude the sale of beer and cider from its grounds during fairs, the Agricultural society really gave countenance to the traffic and practically voted to have these liquors sold there—as one of the speakers put it, “to tempt our boys to drink, and to create in them an appetite for something stronger.” This is the way the record stands.

## Small-Pox at Montreal.

The mortality from small-pox in Montreal since the breaking out of the disease last April has been fearful as everybody knows. In the last nine months of 1885 the deaths reached the total of 3163. There were but six deaths from the disease in April, the first month of the epidemic. The highest figure reached was in October when there were 1333 deaths. In December the figures were reduced to 165 and still there are a dozen or more deaths every week, though the epidemic is pronounced at an end.

## The Other Side Heard From.

“Howard,” the New York correspondent of the Boston Globe, begins an article on skating rinks with the statement that in New York they “are tabooed by decent people for obvious reasons,” and closes it with the statement that “there are elegant persons here in this city, from which escape is impossible, and the skating rink is the first step towards them.” Possibly those who think the religious journals are “prejudiced” on the skating rink question may be willing to accept this suggestive bit of testimony from the other side.

## The Real Feeling in the West.

A valued correspondent who has recently returned from the West writes us concerning Senator Edmunds and the opposition to his re-election. We have received many letters of this character and make a few extracts from this one as furnishing an illustration of the feeling that exists concerning Senator Edmunds and the efforts that are being made to depose him. I find from Western friends, he writes, that there is an organized effort by interested parties to make it appear that a bitter hostility to Senator Edmunds exists in the West, in order to create an impression in Vermont that will help his enemies. Mr. Edmunds' defeat, he continues, by such a man as Smith would be regarded as a misfortune in the West, not only by the best republicans but by thousands of democrats who do not know that there is such a man as Hiram Atkins.

## Boys' Play.

At the beginning of the week 3850 bills had been introduced into the house of representatives, and it is estimated that this number will be increased to 12,000 by the end of the term. For the most part the business is a huge farce, nothing more nor less than boys' play, and very small boys' play at that. The telegraph dispatches give some idea of the carelessness and absence of business principles on the part of members in introducing these bills. Of the general pension bills 75 are identical. The duplicates and triplicates run up into the hundreds. A number of the bills introduced since the present session began passed both houses and were signed by the president last winter.

“My father was a blacksmith and so am I,” a blacksmith, I believe I would be better at an anvil than I am in congress,” said Representative Lottitt of California the other day. The house of representatives has altogether too many blacksmiths, but not one out of ten have sense enough to know that they are blacksmiths and never will be anything else.

## The Advertising Agent.

The weekly press of New England will waste very little sympathy on H. P. Hubbard, the advertising agent of New Haven, who is “personally embarrassed.” His methods of doing business have personally embarrassed a great many publishers of country papers, who have accepted his advertising contracts on conditions that no human being could fulfill in an ordinary life time, only to be harassed to death by his never-ending postals generally demanding the impossible. He is one of those men who calculate to reap where they have not sown. If he carries out his declaration to “treat all of his creditors fairly” it will be quite an agreeable change for the creditors. Hubbard, and advertising agents of his kind, have done more than all other

influences combined to ruin the business of newspaper publishing. We won't except church fairs.

## Look Out.

Vessels plying the placid Mediterranean now have a hidden foe more to be dreaded than the sharpest reef. Shipmasters are warned of an erratic torpedo which has lately broken away from its moorings, and is drifting about seeking to entrap some unsuspecting craft.

My son, there are lots of these hidden foes in the waters of this world. Guide your craft carefully and keep a sharp look-out lest you become entraped before you know it. We haven't room in this issue to give a list of them all, but run is one of them, bad reading is another, and bad company is a third. With these at the head of a list most any one can add a dozen more. You are liable to come upon these hidden foes any moment and if you don't learn how to steer round them, my son, they will do you more damage than all the erratic torpedoes in forty Mediterranean seas.

## Where the Shoe Begins to Pinch.

The New York Post calls attention to a new phase of the silver question that is very suggestive. News comes from Dakota that much agitation exists there in consequence of instructions received by loan agents from their principals in the East not to make any further loans on mortgage, or to renew any, unless it is stipulated in the contract that payment shall be made in gold or its equivalent. The parties lending the money lend gold, and being apprehensive that “dollar” may signify something 20 per cent. less valuable than gold when the loans become due, unless an expressed stipulation is put in the contract, they have ordered their agents to require such stipulation.

This is an admirable scheme. It gives our friends of the West a fine opportunity, as the Post says, to retain for their own use as many of the silver medals as they succeed in earning.

## RAILROAD RUMORS.

People hereabouts were given a genuine sensation Tuesday when they read in all the daily papers that the negotiations between the Central Vermont and Boston & Lowell railroads were brought to a conclusion by the lease of the Boston & Lowell to the Central Vermont. “This move of President Smith,” says the report, “is regarded as one of the shrewdest ever made on the railroad checkerboard of New England.”

There has been a good deal of talk about Gov. Smith's plans for the extension of the Central Vermont and many were inclined to believe the report. But the next day it was unqualifiedly denied. Gov. Smith is reported to have said:

“The rumor is as great a surprise to me as to anyone else and the despatch in the morning papers was the first intimation I received that such a report was in circulation. I have no knowledge as to the origin of the rumor. You can deny the truth of the report in a most emphatic manner. There is not the remotest probability of either the Central Vt. leasing the Lowell road or of the Grand Trunk securing control of the Central Vermont.”

The following is given as the probable foundation for the report: “The Central Vermont has, recently, it is understood, leased the Burlington & Lamoille road, and the fact was announced by telegraph to Montreal as a lease of the B. & L. The initials were readily translated into the Boston & Lowell road and hence the error.”

Accompanying the publication of this story was one that the Fitchburg railroad was negotiating to lease the Cheshire railroad from Bellows Falls to Fitchburg, and it is now understood that these arrangements have been satisfactorily completed and the Fitchburg railroad will take possession of the Cheshire line.

## NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Philadelphia Herald suggests that if you are thinking of turning over a new leaf at the beginning of the year, try the leaf that contains the ten commandments.

Mugwumps may begin to hold up their heads a trifle higher for report has it that the word “mugwump” will be inserted in the new dictionaries and will thus become a legitimate part of the language.

It is said that Sir John Macdonald, upon his return to Canada, will grant full and unconditional pardon to all political prisoners now undergoing sentence in the Northwest for connection with the recent rebellion in that country.

Henry N. Hudson, L. L. D., of Cambridge, Mass., the well known Shakespearean scholar, who died at his residence last Saturday was a native of this state. He was born in Cornwall, January 28, 1814, and was a graduate of Middlebury college.

“We are the most drunken race on the planet,” says Joseph Cook, “and the palm for red noses should be awarded to Irish, Germans and Americans.” Mr. Cook says he hasn't lost all hope that the republican party will yet lead a crusade against the liquor interest.

The fourth-class postmasters in Vermont have received circulars asking them to call a convention and appoint delegates to the national convention of postmasters, which meets in Chicago next month. What would the high-minded democrats have said had the republican postmasters started such a scheme for securing an increase of pay, and that's just what the convention is for.

We have before had occasion to call attention to the Burlington Free Press. Its prospects will be found in another column. Besides being a bright, newsy paper, “edited with special reference to the needs of its own constituency in Vermont,” it has the added advantage

of being the first morning paper to reach this section of the state. Read the prospectus and then subscribe for the paper.

Among other curious facts the report which the civil service commissioners are preparing will show that a very large per cent. of the male candidates who have been examined have been deficient in their knowledge of the ordinary rules of syntax. It speaks well for the public schools of the land that 70 per cent. of the successful candidates are recent graduates from them.

Uncanny as seems the idea of cremating the bodies of the dead, it is undoubtedly growing in public favor. The society of Medical Jurisprudence has offered to the New York legislature a bill providing that all persons who die of contagious diseases shall be cremated under the direction of the municipal authorities. While there is little hope that this bill will become a law, the Brooklyn Union says, “it is certain that popular appreciation of sanitary science will sooner or later cause some such law to be passed and enforced in New York.”

The Brattleboro correspondent of the Springfield Republican notes it as a gratifying proof of a reform going on among the newspaper men of this state, that an editor of one of the leading republican papers in that section has returned his annual pass with good and sufficient reasons for not accepting further favors in that line from the Central railroad influences, the chief of which is the fact that the free-pass abuse has become unjustifiable and intolerable. Furthermore he says that similar action has already been taken by a number of leading men in the state, and it certainly begins to savor of cleaner and wiser politics among the Green mountains.

## Echoes.

That the Vermont democracy are not altogether at peace among themselves is pretty well understood by those who are on the ground. The Washington correspondent of the Springfield Republican says:

Echoes of the strife in the Vermont democracy reach here every week and the desks of the cabinet are cluttered with marked copies of Vermont democratic press, the funds in that section must be more fierce than in any other section of the country. When informed that no bloodshed was ever known to result from these attacks, he expressed his great surprise.

## LOCAL AND TOWN NEWS.

Cold Comfort from Florida.

The reports from the cold weather in Florida are a trifle conflicting. A letter from Judge Hovey's son, who is in Polk county, well down among the lakes and 300 miles or so south of Jacksonville, reports the bananas killed off oranges not much hurt. A letter from Orange Park, however, which is well north near Jacksonville, says the mercury stood from 13° to 22° for several days, that the ground is frozen four inches deep and that the boys are sliding on the ice in St. Johns river—something that no one ever remembers before. We expect the truth is that the northern part of the state, the best settled and most cultivated, is very badly injured.

Still They Come.

Pete McDuff put in a claim for the keg of beer that came into town two weeks ago addressed to Joseph Ivers. Being denied this he asserted his right to get drunk and did so, snatching windows, abusing his family, etc. He was arrested Monday, brought before Justice N. M. Johnson and fined \$9.51 for intoxication. It is getting to be rather of an interesting question how and where people in this town get drunk. There's law enough but, somehow, there seems to be run enough.

Mr. Hall's Lectures.

The series of historical lectures by Henry Hall of Rutland closed Friday evening. Thursday evening the tribes, numbers and civilization of the Vermont Indians was treated. Sketches of relics, etchings, etc., were shown and the idea advanced that many of them were the work of a race existing in this state antedating the Indians. Friday evening the subject discussed was Vermont as a nation from 1777 to 1791. Many curious illustrations of the manners and customs of the early Vermonters of the last century were given and some of the rough experience noted of the days when people used to emigrate to this state from New England and New York. Mr. Hall goes from here to Montpelier where he thinks of delivering the same series of lectures.

## CHAUTAUQUA CIRCLE.

The adjourned meeting of the Chautauqua circle was held Thursday evening. The various officers and committee appointed were as follows: President, L. L. Beaman; vice president, J. S. Weeks; Fred Eaton, C. L. Page, Miss Laura Jennings; cor. sec., E. A. Silsby; rec. sec., E. W. Moore; treasurer, Mrs. David Morrison; committee on entertainment, E. A. Silsby, Dr. T. R. Grow, C. H. Horton, Mrs. C. L. Page, Miss Rogers; committee on music, Miss Nellie Matthews, George H. Moore, C. H. Horton, E. A. Silsby, A. P. Taft. Over 30 have signified their intention of joining the circle. The next meeting will be held next Thursday evening, Jan. 28. After the election of officers Mrs. L. L. Beaman read a paper on “Legendary history of Rome,” and P. J. Cowles a paper on “The Pantheon.” After a solo by E. A. Silsby the meeting adjourned.

CUT HAIR.

“That picture is one-sided,” said the Caledonian article to a local photographer the other day as he was exhibiting some of his handiwork. “So was the face the picture was taken from.”

Mr. Alice Morse started Jan. 19 for a trip to Washington, D. C., in company with Miss Emma Ayer of Danville. After spending a few weeks in Washington Mrs. Morse expects to return to New Britain, Conn., where she

will stop the remainder of the winter with her sister, Mrs. C. S. Ward.

GREENSBORO BEND.

E. Hopkins is training a pair of colts for L. S. Collins.

Mrs. A. Orcutt is slowly recovering. The new Advent church at Stannard is finally completed and ready for pious.

Fernando Lowe of Stannard has sold his farm to Alvin Breakwood of Victoria. Lowe remains on the farm until spring.

Singing-school commences next Friday night, S. P. Pinney teacher.

The G. A. R. install officers and Mrs. Huntington relates her experience of two years in Andersonville prison, on Wednesday night.

Home, youngest son of H. Cass, has been quite ill with intermittent fever.

LYNDONVILLE.

These directors were elected at the annual meeting of the Lyndonville national bank: B. Harris, J. W. Copeland, C. D. Bigelow, David Trull, H. F. Pillsbury. At a meeting of the directors L. B. Harris was elected president, H. M. Pearl cashier. This bank was organized in May, 1884, and has paid a dividend of 2 per cent. every six months since. It has paid one-half of the premium on its United States bonds purchased for circulation. The capital is \$75,000. For the past six months its net profits were over 3 per cent.

The Lyndon savings bank, connected with the national bank, elected for trustees S. Thompson, L. K. Quimby, J. W. Sanborn, L. B. Harris, H. E. Folsom, J. W. Copeland, H. M. Pearl. The officers for the year are: President, J. W. Sanborn; vice president, L. K. Quimby; cashier, H. M. Pearl. This bank has 644 depositors and \$90,000 on deposit and paid 4 per cent for its first year's dividend.

At the village meeting last week A. W. Houghton, L. W. Cunningham and A. W. Sanborn were elected trustees. L. W. Sanborn clerk; C. M. Miller, collector and O. M. Badger chief of fire department.

The receipts for rent of Music hall last year amounted to more than enough to pay the interest on the cost of the building.

James Wallace is much improved this week and it is hoped he may get out again.

Meetings will be held at the Methodist chapel every evening this week until Saturday.

John Bedard has moved to St. Johnsbury where he has bought an interest in the barber shop near the depot.

Several of our ex-soldiers are about to join the Grand Army post at St. Johnsbury.

LYNDON.

The new Congregational church to be dedicated is Kirby (not Lyndon), as printed last week. The dedication is to be Tuesday the 26th, not the 24th. One of the oldest churches in the county, being organized in 1825. Some over \$500 have been expended in remodeling the building and some \$200 more are needed as the local organization is small and rather weak financially. This being the only church in town the people did not feel like letting it die.

Union meetings are being held this week Wednesday and Friday evenings in the Congregational vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Quimby returned home from Pawtucket last week.

J. C. Ide is moving into Mrs. Hill's tenement over Weeks' store.

LYNDON CENTRE.

The house warming at Dea. Albert Allen's last Thursday evening, was a very pleasant affair. About 150 persons were present.

The religious interest still continues and meetings will be held every evening this week except Saturday.

In district No. 6 there were in 1885, 7 deaths and 3 births. In 1884, were 4 deaths and 8 births. Of those who died in 1885, one was 22, one 29, one 62, one 82, one 86, one 87 and one 90 years old. Consumption caused the death of three, pneumonia two and old age two.

McINDOE FALLS.

Fire was discovered Sunday evening in the store of J. A. Bishop's house. Happily for property owners in the vicinity it was discovered in season to be put out but not till at least \$25 damage was done. Cause unknown.

Morrill is on the gain.—Mrs. McDonald is confined to the house with a catarrhal trouble.

It is understood that Rev. C. C. Cook will resign his work here next Sabbath. Cause, ill health.

The Lyceum still prospers.

The Academy has more students this term than any winter term in three years.

Mrs. Helen Hunt is on the sick list.

Dr. Clark goes to the meeting of the White Mountain Medical society at Woodsville this week.

Wood is being loaded here and shipped to Wells River.

We understand that B. F. Pearl will soon move to a more congenial climate.

MONROE, N. H.

Dr. Bullard, Tuttle, Hazlett and Clark concluded to make an opening for the following officers on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13th. Of the past; commander, D. B. Reid; S. V. C., W. H. Munell; J. V. C., H. G. Rollins; Chap., E. J. Ranslow; Q. M., R. Moore; Surgeon, M. H. W. Shaw; O. G., S. Putnam; O. D., C. N. Page; A. R. G. Brock; P. C., J. A. George. Of the Relief corps: President, Mrs. W. H. Goodwin; S. V. P., Mrs. R. Moore; J. V. C., Mrs. W. P. Johnson; Chap., Mrs. W. H. Munell; Cond., Mrs. O. S. Abbott; Guard, Mrs. F. Deming; Sec'y, Mrs. Harvey Powers; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Ranslow.

PEACHTAM.

The Congregational church, after much preparation during the week of prayer and thereafter, voted to enter upon special revival work under the help of Rev. E. A. Whittey of Lawrence, Mass. An invitation was extended to the Methodist church to join in the movement and accepted by them. Meetings have begun this week.

Ira Kimball and wife of Nebraska are in town.

Rev. Mr. Whittey held his first meeting on Tuesday evening and has continued to have good houses.

The opposition which Murray received proved a fine thing in the advertising line as he drew a large crowd who were well paid for their time.

THE FLORIDA FREEZE.

It is estimated that the cold snap in Florida destroyed 500,000 boxes of oranges worth \$1,000,000. Frost was reported almost at the same time on the peninsula. There is little doubt that substantially the entire orange crop remaining on the trees is frozen and spoiled. The precise effect of the freeze upon the trees cannot be determined until the warm weather sets in. Probably every tree in the state will lose its leaves, and it is believed that most of the young trees, except those protected, are killed.

Mrs. Bayard's Death.

Miss Katherine Bayard, the eldest and favorite daughter of the secretary of state, died suddenly Saturday of heart disease. She was to have assisted Miss Cleveland at her Saturday afternoon reception, and having made

written in brief form his experience in detail. So with all other important topics, and in time such a book would be very valuable. He would urge farmers to keep full and complete farm accounts and from these they could learn what crop and the kind of work paid them best.

Fourteen new members were enrolled. The topic for the evening was “How to utilize coarse food” led by Geo. N. Park. He would not shoo corn too soon; let the ears nearly all be glazed. He would not make the shocks too large; when husked pack fodder in straw a layer each and tramp solid; feed it cut and wet with hot water, and combines food by mixing clover hay with the straw and corn fodder and puts on meal. He thinks it necessary to mix the meal with the fodder in order to get the full benefit of the meal. He considers clover hay cut in the blossom and good corn fodder half and half as being better than the best timothy hay and can keep 15 head of cattle by his method better than 12 on the same feed uncult.

The discussion was well sustained and numerous sharp questions were ably answered by Mr. Park. A good many doubters were present and owing to the late hour the details of his system, and results obtained by others who have tried feeding coarse fodder, could not be given. It is hoped these may be given at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be held at So. Ryegate, Jan. 28, in the school-house at 7.30 p. m., sharp. Topic: “Does dairying in the winter pay or not?” Geo. Cochran, N. H. Ricker to lead. All are invited.

ST. JOHNSBURY EAST.

Mrs. Mark Hovey is very sick with typhoid fever.

Albert Prouty of Rockford, Minn., formerly of Waterford, is visiting his old home and friends. He has been gone nine years. He says that Minnesota is the place for a poor man to live.

George E. Goodall has at last found a horse that fills the bill. The horse arrived on the cars last week.

Rev. M. C. Henderson preached at the M. E. church last Sabbath and is expected to preach here again next Sunday afternoon.

ST. JOHNSBURY CENTRE.

There will be a Japanese tea party and entertainment in the vestry of the Congregational church Friday evening, Jan. 22.

WALDEN.

We understand there is one case of diphtheria in town, a daughter of Rev. M. H. Ryan. We hope this may be the only one.

J. M. Patch has returned from the West.

W. G. Dutton has been at Hardwick at work in the depot and expects to go to Derby soon, where he has a situation in the express office.

WHEELOCK.

William Clark has moved to Bakersfield and the tenement he vacated has been taken by Charles Brown.

Mr. Sheldon has sold his place to George Davis of Sheffield.

The Ladies' Aid society held an Antiquarian supper at the town hall Friday evening, January 23. All are cordially invited.

Elder Chase had a donation last week and received \$64. He was very much gratified.

Elder Moody preached his farewell sermon Sunday.

Nathan Colby of South Wheelock is very sick with typhoid pneumonia.

A daughter of Charles McGovern while at work about the stove caught her clothes on fire, burning her shoulders and arms badly.

WELLS RIVER.

Miss Lord, teacher in the primary department of the graded school, has been sick the past week and her place is taken by Miss Ella Dunn.

The attendance at the Sunday evening meeting is the largest that it has been for a long time. The series of Bible readings just begun promises to be very interesting and helpful.

The postoffice was still rages fiercely making fast and furious fun for the outsiders. No one is able to predict the end. There are now five candidates, each confident of success.

Deaths in this vicinity have been frequent the past week. Mrs. John Gibson of Keegan died Friday, having suffered from a cancer for a long time. Miss Eliza Park, living with Mr. Andrew Atkins, died very suddenly of heart disease last Friday morning.

The band gave a promenade concert and auction supper at the school house on Tuesday evening the 19th. Each lady carried a basket containing lunch sufficient for two persons and with our own name on a slip of paper on the inside. The baskets were sold to the highest bidder, who made way with the contents in company with the lady represented. The band gained quite an addition to their fund and they deserve it. They are in good condition for work now and have engaged George C. Rowe as teacher for the rest of the winter.

The wrestling match at the rink on Monday evening drew quite a large though not particularly select crowd. It was won by Henderson of this place.

Col. Preston Post No. 10, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief corps installed the following officers on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13th. Of the past; commander, D. B. Reid; S. V. C., W. H. Munell; J. V. C., H. G. Rollins; Chap., E. J. Ranslow; Q. M., R. Moore; Surgeon, M. H. W. Shaw; O. G., S. Putnam; O. D., C. N. Page; A. R. G. Brock; P. C., J. A. George. Of the Relief corps: President, Mrs. W. H. Goodwin; S. V. P., Mrs. R. Moore; J. V. C., Mrs. W. P. Johnson; Chap., Mrs. W. H. Munell; Cond., Mrs. O. S. Abbott; Guard, Mrs. F. Deming; Sec'y, Mrs. Harvey Powers; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Ranslow.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Editor Stand Released.

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The Newark Boys Home Again.

The four Newark (N. J.) boys who were sent to Paris to be inoculated by Pasteur arrived sound and well at Newark Thursday morning on the steamer Canada from Havre in charge of Dr. Billings. The mother, Eddie Ryan, who went over with her boy, was delivered of a boy baby during the return passage who was gratefully christened Patrick Pasteur Ryan. Dr. Billings made a study of the French scientist's methods, and will put them in practice as soon as he can get the virus from a mad dog and the necessary plant.

The Lancaster Bank Badly Off.

Examiner Gatchell reports the condition of the Lancaster bank as much worse than was expected. The liabilities are about \$350,000; the value of the good assets is small, and it is doubtful if the bank can prove its title to half the securities found in the billings in Vermont. The bank has been heard from McNeil, though it is supposed that he is in some small village in Canada. Further charges have been brought against Dr. Nelson and he has been arrested and is now in jail. It looks bad for him. Further securities were found at West Rutland and still other “funds” are looked for.

Six of the thirteen victims of the coal-mine explosion at Almy, Wyoming, which occurred on Tuesday night, have been recovered from the debris. The bodies of the other seven are still in the mine. The appearance of the bodies indicated a terrible struggle for life. The searching party expects to reach the other seven bodies soon.

VERMONT NEWS.

The Diphtheria Stayed.

We are happy to announce that we have no cases of diphtheria in our village. We trust all our neighboring villages and towns will rejoice with us and that everybody will be as ready to guard against the disease as we are to publish and exaggerate reports about the disease. —Newport Express.

A Carnival at Burlington.

The winter carnival proposed by the Burlington coasting club as a rival attraction to the Montreal show, begins February 1st. The club has for its membership the principal citizens of the city, and prominent New Yorkers are interested in the enterprise. Beginning on Monday the 15th five days will be taken up with icy sports of all descriptions, including coasting, tobogganing, curling matches in the ice rinks, ice-bobbing, fancy skating tournaments, trotting races on the ice of Lake Champlain, sleighing, snowshoe races, hockey, and what not. Prizes of \$100 and \$50 are offered in hockey, \$25 and \$15 in skating, \$75 and \$40 in curling, \$40 and \$20 in snowshoe races. American and Canadian teams will compete for prizes. The public parks, coasting hills and streets will be illuminated each evening and visitors will be admitted by ticket free to the slides. Railroads will present excursion rates and hotels will keep within proper limits in charges. Provided good weather, snow and ice are present, the Burlington coasting club expects to inaugurate a great winter sports festival. The Montreal snowshoe club, with a membership of over 1200, will attend the ice carnival, and other Montreal organizations will be present and participate in the contests. One of the objects of the carnival week are making rapid progress, and its success is assured. There will be excursions from Boston, New York and other large cities. A committee of the coasting club has been visiting Montreal to obtain attractions for the show and get points on how to manage it.